

CHARLES GOODSPEED.

[To accompany Bill H. R. No. 541.]

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MARCH 30, 1860.

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Mr. FOSTER, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, made the following

REPORT.

*The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Charles Goodspeed, beg leave to report :*

From the evidence produced before your committee it appears that the petitioner, Charles Goodspeed, was a sergeant in the company commanded by Septa Fillmore, of the New York militia, and entered the service of the United States on the 17th of August, 1813, and was honorably discharged on the 18th of November, 1813, as shown by certificate of the Third Auditor.

It further appears in evidence, by the testimony of four of his comrades in the same company, who swear upon their own knowledge, that, an attack being apprehended upon Plattsburg by the British, orders were given to remove the supplies then collected there ; and that in carrying out these orders Sergeant Goodspeed assisted in the labor of loading the wagons employed to remove them ; that while so employed in loading a wagon with barrels of pork he overstrained himself, causing a rupture or hernia, from which he never recovered, and which has ever since prevented his performing ordinary manual labor. Two respectable physicians say he is one-half thus disabled.

Application was made by the petitioner to the Pension office for a pension, and refused, and the reason assigned is, that the rolls record his discharge without noticing the hernia. Your committee think the claim to a pension fully sustained by proof, and the failure of the company rolls to show that the injury occurred is not a sufficient reason to deprive him of it. He clearly received this lingering injury while in the line of his duty, and your committee think he ought to receive a pension. They therefore report the accompanying bill.

